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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7 and 9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1,3-5,7 and 9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant has filed an RCE 8/30/07.

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1,3-5,7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Weissman (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0156905).

For claim 1, Weissman teaches, method for accessing Internet resources provided by at least a content server in a data transmission system including an HTTP proxy connected to the Internet network, said HTTP proxy being adapted to perform form-based authentication of a user when receiving a user request for Internet resources therefrom, and wherein said proxy transmits the user request to said content server which sends back a response to the proxy; said method comprising: (Weissman, paragraph 25, authentication, paragraph 23, portal)

receiving a user request from a user for Internet resources at an HTTP proxy; (Weissman, paragraph 22, HTTP GET)

transmission from said proxy to a Single Sign On (SSO) server of said user request together with credentials associated with said user, wherein said SSO server is external to and accessible via the Internet to said HTTP proxy; (Weissman, paragraph 22, single sign-on, paragraph 25 authentication, 26, URL, domain)

obtaining by the SSO server a login form from the content server, wherein said SSO server has at its disposal a configuration file for obtaining and filling said login form, said configuration file providing information about said content server; (Weissman, paragraph 25, logon database)

filling by said SSO server of the login form obtained from said content server, said login form being filled by the SSO server using said credentials; (Weissman, paragraph 20, logon procedure)

transmission from the SSO server to the content server of the filled login form; (Weissman, paragraph 20 logon procedure)

transmission by said content server to said SSO server of an HTTP response to said user request after the content server receives the filled login form from said SSO server; (Weissman, paragraph 23, forward webpage to client)

sending of the HTTP response back to the HTTP proxy by the SSO server; (Weissman, paragraph 23, portal)

and transmission by said HTTP proxy of the requested information to said user, said information being contained in said HTTP response; (Weissman, paragraph 22 HTTP message)

wherein the subsequent user requests are forwarded directly from the HTTP proxy to the content server, and HTTP responses to the subsequent user request are transmitted directly to the proxy by the content server, without going through the SSO server. (Weissman, paragraph 32, currently logged in)

For claim 3, Weissman teaches, method according to claim 2, wherein the configuration file includes information including at least one of an URL of a login page, a location of said login page, a name of an input field used for a username and a name of an input field used for a password. (Weissman, paragraph 25 authentication, paragraph 26 URL, domain)

For claim 4. Method according to claim 2, wherein said HTTP response from said content server sent back to said HTTP proxy includes at least one cookie specific to said content server. (Weissman, paragraph 23, cookie)

For claim 5. Method according to claim 1, further comprising an initial step of transmitting by said user a first request to said HTTP proxy invoking an external URL configured in said HTTP proxy, said HTTP proxy sending back an authentication challenge to said user in order to verify the user credentials and checking whether the user credentials correspond to a valid user. (Weissman, paragraph 20, logon procedure)

For claim 7. Data transmission system including a HTTP proxy connected to the Internet network and a content server to which a user can gain access through said HTTP proxy, said HTTP proxy being associated with authentication means adapted to perform form-based authentication of the user when receiving a user request for Internet resources therefrom and wherein said HTTP proxy transmits the user request to said content server which sends back a HTTP response to said HTTP proxy; said authentication means comprising: (Weissman, paragraph 23 portal, paragraph 22, HTTP GET)

a Single Sign-On (SSO) server adapted to receive from the HTTP proxy a user request and credentials associated with the user, to obtain a login form from said content server when receiving said user request from said HTTP proxy, to fill said login form using the credentials associated with said user and to send back the filled login form to said content server, so that said content server can provide the requested information to the HTTP proxy after authentication of said user, wherein said SSO server has at its disposal a configuration file for obtaining and filling said login form, said configuration file providing information about said content server such as the URL of the login page, wherein said SSO server is external to and accessible via the Internet to said HTTP proxy; (Weissman, paragraph 20 logon procedure, paragraph 22, single sign-on, paragraph 25 authentication, 26, URL, domain)

wherein subsequent user request are forwarded directly from the HTTP proxy to the content server, and a HTTP responses to the subsequent user request are transmitted directly to the HTTP proxy by the content server, without going through the SSO server. (Weissman, paragraph 32, currently logged in)

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For claim 9. Data transmission system according to claim 8, wherein the configuration file includes information including at least one of an URL of a login page, a location of said login page, a name of an input field used for a username and a name of an input field used for a password. (Weissman, paragraph 25 authentication, paragraph 26 URL, domain)

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See attached Notice of references cited (if appropriate).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajay M. Bhatia whose telephone number is (571)-272-3906. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571)272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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